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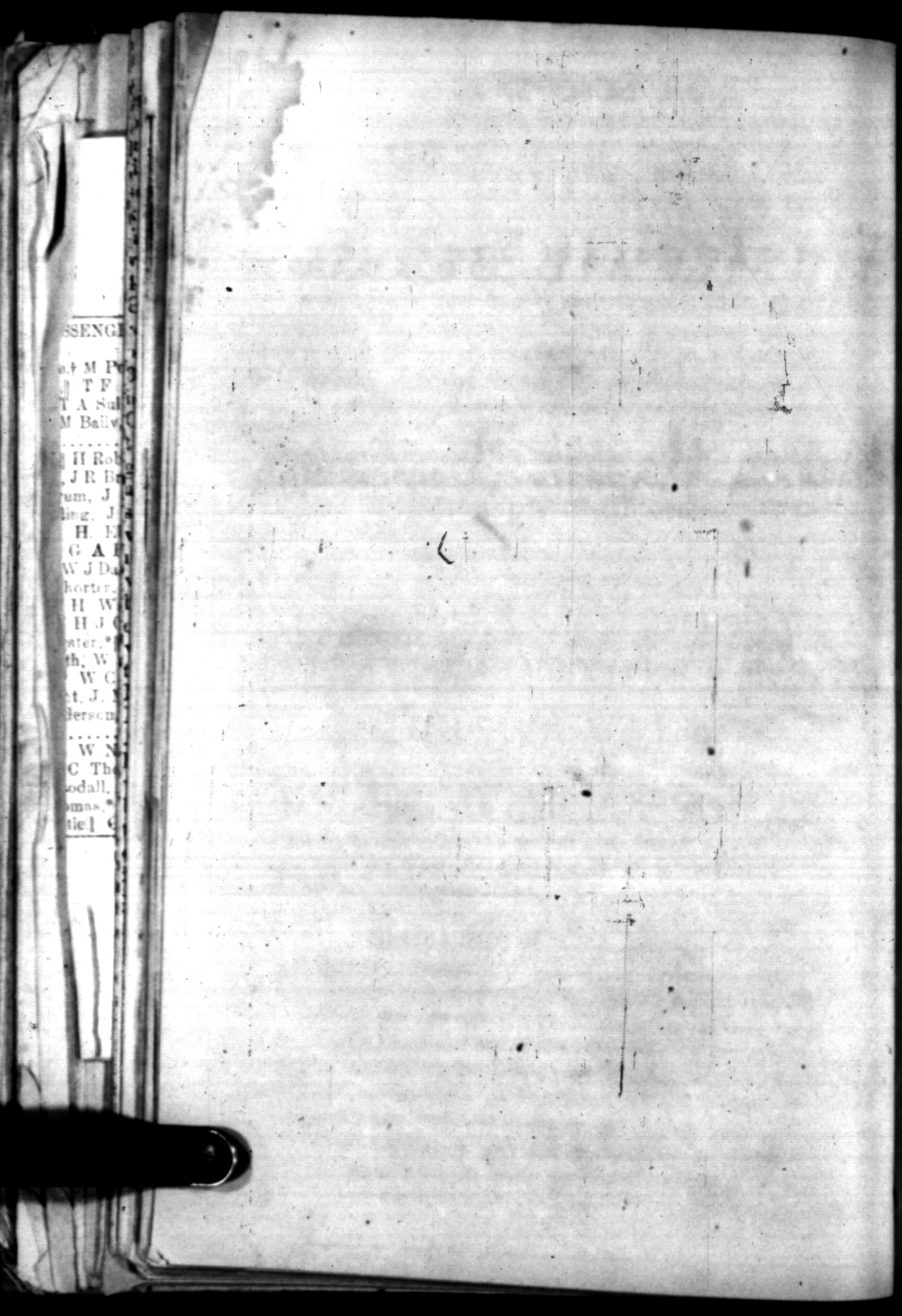
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PROCEEDINGS.

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Judson Baptist Association convened with the church at Centre Hill, Lee County, Mississippi, on Thursday, September 14th, 1871. Introductory sermon by Eld. A. L. Stovall. Text, Jeremiah, 26th chapter, 2nd verse: "Thus saith the Lord: stand in the Court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judea, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word." After which an intermission of one hour was given for refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing; the former Moderator, Eld. A. L. Stovall, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. W. Randolph.

The Moderator appointed Eld. Wm. C. Thomas and Thomas A. Sullivan to read the letters. When called for in regular order, they were read and delegates' names enrolled. See Statistical Table.

The Association then proceeded to regular organization by electing Eld. A. L. Stovall, Moderator; J. M. Cook, Clerk; and R. M. Borum, Treasurer. The Moderator, before taking his seat, made a few appropriate remarks in returning to the body his thanks for their Christian confidence.

Petitionary Letters were called for, when a letter was presented from Mount Pleasant, Monroe County, Miss., asking admittance into our body, which was received, and delegates cordially welcomed.

By motion, the Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises.—Brethren R. M. Borum, J. Owen and J. D. Coggen, together with the Deacons of Centre Hill Church.

On Arrangement of Business.—Eld. W. C. Thomas and brethren G. W. McWhorter, G. C. Thomason, G. M. Phillips and Job Springer.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats and the usual privileges extended. Accepted by Eld. James Gambrel, of Tippah Association, agent of the Sabbath School Board; Eld. —— Kendal, of the —— Association; Bro. T. H. Smith, Cold Water Association, and Bro. C. M. Tucker, Chickasaw.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises report that Eld. J. W. Randolph preach to-night, and Eld. James Gambrel to-morrow, (Friday) at 11 A. M.

Adjourned until Friday morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. A. B. Smith.

SECOND DAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer offered by Eld W. S. Wilson.

Report of Committee on Arrangements read and adopted, and Committee discharged. Called for the reading of Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Rules of Decorum. The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Sabbath Schools.—Eld. W. C. Thomas and Bro. G. M. Phillips.

On Home Missions.—Brethren G. W. McWhorter, R. M. Borum, George Pound and J. W. Smith, and, by motion, the Moderator was added to this committee.

On Finance.—Brethren G. C. Thomason, J. Epting and J. R. West.

On Documents.—Brethren Thos. A. Sullivan and Wm. M. Fuqua.

On Education.—Elders W. J. Thomas, C. C. Malone and A. B. Smith.

On Foreign Missions.—Elders W. J. Thomas, W. S. Wilson and A. Robertson.

On Publications.—Elders J. J. Andrews, J. M. Herring and G. C. Johnson.

On Colored Population.—Elders Wm. Hood, Joshua Smith and J. Richards.

On motion, suspended regular order of business to receive and read letters from Friendship and Liberty Churches.

Resumed regular order of business. Called for Correspondence. Received from Cold Water Association a Letter of Correspondence, accompanied by Bro. T. H. Smith.

Tippah Association—Bro. Carroll Gregory; no letter.

Aberdeen Association—Brethren John S. Ratliff, Thomas Whitesides and J. E. Sparks; no letter.

Chickasaw Association—Bro. J. M. C. Tucker was invited to a seat with us as Correspondent from that body.

Messengers to Corresponding bodies were appointed as follows:

To Chickasaw Association—Elders A. B. Smith, W. S. Wilson, Joshua Smith, and Brethren G. W. McWhorter, W. J. Davis and J. W. Dillard; Eld. A. B. Smith to write the letter.

Cold Water Association—Elders J. J. Andrews, A. B. Smith, and Brethren R. S. Thomas and A. J. Doty; Elder J. J. Andrews to write the letter.

Tippah Association—Bro. G. W. McWhorter; he also to write.

Aberdeen Association—Elders Wm. Hood, C. C. Malone, W. C. Thomas, A. L. Stovall, A. W. Sandlin, J. Richards, and Brethren R. M. Borum and G. C. Thomason; Eld. A. L. Stovall to write.

Tishomingo Association—Elders C. C. Malone, J. J. Andrews, A. W. Sandlin, G. C. Johnson, and Brethren J. R. West and J. M. Henderson; Eld. A. W. Sandlin to write.

Bear Creek Association—Elders J. M. Herring, A. Robertson, and Brethren J. M. Cook and D. T. Miller; J. M. Cook to write.

Baptist State Convention—Elders C. C. Malone, A. W. Sandlin, J. J. Andrews and Joshua Smith.

Southern Baptist Convention—Elders J. J. Andrews and A. W. Sandlin.

Eld. T. C. Teasdale, Agent of the Sabbath School Board, having arrived, was cordially invited to a seat; also, Eld. A. A. Lomax, Agent of the Baptist College at Clinton, Miss.

By motion, regular order of business suspended and Eld. T. C. Teasdale invited to address the Association in behalf of the Sabbath School Board, which was accepted, and at the close of his remarks, a collection was taken up for the Sabbath School Board, amounting to $2 40.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises report that Eld. T. C. Teasdale preach at the hour of 2 P. M.

Adjourned to hear a sermon by Eld. James Gambrel, who occupied the stand at 11 A. M., and preached to a large and orderly congregation, from Luke 4th chapter and 34th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The hour designated by the Committee on Devotional Exercises for Eld. Teasdale to preach being at hand, the Association did not resume business, but requested him to preach in the house, which he did, and delivered one of his interesting and edifying sermons, text fifty-first Psalm, viz: "Restore unto me the joys of thy salvation," &c.

At the close of his sermon, Eld. A. A. Lomax addressed the Association in behalf of the Baptist College at Clinton, Miss., and took up a collection for the same, amounting, in cash and pledges, to $90 50.

At this point the Devotional Committee reported Eld. A. B. Smith to preach to-night, and Eld. W. A. Mason to-morrow, at 11 A. M.

By motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8:30. Prayer by Eld. A. W. Sandlin.

THIRD DAY.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer offered by Eld. G. C. Johnson. Received and read a letter from Shiloh Church.

On motion, suspended regular order of business for the purpose of electing a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this body, also one to preach Missionary Sermon on Sabbath at 11 A. M., which resulted in the election of W. C. Thomas to preach Introductory Sermon, and A. L. Stovall, alternate; A. L. Stovall to preach Missionary Sermon, and W. C. Thomas, alternate.

Eld. W. A. Mason, from the Aberdeen Association, was invited as Corresponding Messenger from that body, and the usual privileges extended.

Proceeded to appoint the place and time of holding the next session of this body, which resulted in the selection of New Prospect Church, Union County, Miss., about twelve miles west of Guntown, on Mobile and Ohio Railroad, commencing on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, 1872.

At this point Eld. L. Ball, of Sunflower Association, arrived and was cordially invited, and the customary privileges extended.

Moved and carried that preaching be at the stand, and the Association continue with its business.

The Executive Board was then appointed, consisting of the following brethren:

Jas. S. Clayton, G. C. Thomason, S. M. Robertson, R. M. Borum and G. W. McWhorter.

Called for Reports. Received and read report on Sabbath Schools. Adopted. See Exhibit A.

Received and read a report on Associational Missions. Adopted. See Exhibit B.

Received a report on Education, which elicited a very interesting discussion, participated in by Elders W. C. Thomas, Jas. Gambrel and others. Adopted. See Exhibit C.

By motion, appointed Eld. W. C. Thomas an agent to procure funds for and superintend the education of our young brother, Judson Moore, who is a young brother of deep piety and promise, and we desire him educated at Clinton, Miss., and a collection was taken up for that purpose, amounting, in cash and subscription, to $128 50.

[P. S.—Here we intended to give a list of each individual church and subscriber, but the list was given to the agent, W. C. Thomas, and I have sent two different times for it, but have failed, up to this time, October 26, to get it. I feel that I am not responsible for the omission.—CLERK.]

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Eld. L. Ball will preach at 2 P. M., and Eld. Wm. Hood to-night.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Granted leave of absence to Eld. A. Robertson and Brethren J. D. M. Johnson and A. J. Studard.

Report on Documents read and adopted. See Exhibit D.

Report on Publications read and adopted. See Exhibit E.

Report on Finance adopted. See Exhibit F.

Treasurer's Report adopted. See Exhibit G.

Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted. See Exhibit H.

Report of Educational Board adopted. See Exhibit J.

Report on Colored Population read, and, after some discussion, adopted. See Exhibit K.

Granted leave of absence to Elders G. C. Johnson, W. M. Fuqua and J. W. Smith.

It was moved and carried that the Clerk have as many Minutes printed as he can for the money on hand after retaining $15 for his services.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1*st*, That this Association tender their thanks to this Church and the vicinity for the very kind manner in which they have entertained the body while in session.

Resolved, 2*nd*, That the Clerk have the Constitution, Abstract of Principles, &c., printed in the present Minutes as they were first adopted.

Resolved, 3*rd*, That this Association tender their thanks to the Moderator for the very able manner in which he has presided over the body during the session.

The Association being through with its business, Moderator made some remarks suited to the occasion, the familiar hymn,

"Am I a Soldier of the Cross,"

was sung, and the parting hand extended.

Adjourned to meet with the New Prospect Church, Union County, Miss., twelve miles west of Guntown, on Mobile and Ohio Railroad, at 11 o'clock Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, 1872.

ELD. A. L. STOVALL, *Moderator*.

J. M. COOK, *Clerk*.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

On Sunday morning Eld. Jas. Gambrel delivered a lecture to the Sabbath School class. The congregation then repaired to the stand where Eld. L. Ball preached to a large and attentive congregation; text, "Have faith in God." He was followed by Eld. W. C. Thomas, after which a collection was taken up for Domestic Missions, amounting to $7.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS. [A.]

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, regard them of the greatest importance, for it is here the child may be greatly aided in receiving the proper training for the Lord, and older ones receive much instruction to their own soul's benefit. We desire that a good Sabbath School may be established in every Baptist Church. Respectfully,

W. C. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS. [B.]

Your Committee would report that after careful deliberation we regard this cause as worthy of the fostering care and support of the Association. There are many precious souls and many of God's dear children within our bounds, who are so remotely situated from our churches, and destitute of facilities of travel, that they are deprived the privilege of hearing the gospel. We take it for granted that all feel it their duty, and regard it as a privilege to aid in sending them the living minister of Christ. In view of the accomplishment of this purpose, we recommend the Association to appoint an Executive Board consisting of five, and that the supervision of this mission be entrusted to them, and that this Board be required to report to this body annually, the amount contributed by the several churches, the success of the work, together with amounts awarded to the minister or ministers for services performed. We also recommend that the Treasurer of the Association be authorized to pay to the order of the Chairman of this Board any funds in his hands contributed for this object. We also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend the churches composing this body to co-operate with the Board in prosecuting this great work,

Respectfully, G. W. McWHORTER, *Chairman.*

EDUCATION. [C.]

We, your Committee, report the following: We regard education as being one of the most important subjects connected with our denomination, and all should foster and encourage common schools. It is the duty of parents to give their children a good education. Let this point be reached, and people could not be easily influenced away from the truth to embrace error. We, as a denomination, have schools of high order. The college at Clinton, Miss., belonging to and controlled by the Baptists of the State, is altogether worthy of our fostering care and patronage. Connected with this college is an arrangement for the literary education of young ministers, and we would respectfully recommend our beloved young brother, Judson

Moore, as one whom this Association should support at said college until educated. We have also a good female school of high order at Pontotoc, Miss., under the management of our much esteemed brother Slack; also other schools of interest where we may send our sons and daughters. Dear brethren, let us take a deeper interest in the education of our children.

Respectfully submitted. C. C. MALONE, *Chairman.*

DOCUMENTS. [D.]

We, the Committee on Documents, make the following report: We have diligently examined all the letters from the churches, and find that, with a great many of the churches, prosperity prevails. Sunday Schools appear to be on the increase, and also contributions for missions, both in cash and pledges, to be paid in the future, which we consider a good indication. All the churches are represented, and they all appear to be in peace and harmony among themselves, and have regular preaching once a month. It also appears that there have been added to the churches, by baptism, one hundred and thirty nine this Associational year, and the aggregate membership for this year is nineteen hundred and ninety-three, a loss of one hundred and two. The churches at Oak Hill and New Prospect have each invited the Association to hold its next annual meeting with their churches. We have also examined the report of the union meetings of the first and second districts, the first held with the church at Richland, the second held with the church at Chesterville, which we herein present to this body. The next meeting of the first district to convene with the Town Creek Church, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1872, Eld. Judson Moore to preach Introductory Sermon, Eld. J. W. Randolph, alternate, and the brethren appointed to write essays are as follows:

1. *On the Power and Influence of Satan*—J. M. Armstrong.
2. *The Evils of Evil Speaking*—Eld. J. M. Herring.
3. *On the Propriety or Impropriety of Pulpit Affiliation with Pedo-Baptists*—Eld. J. W. Randolph.
4. *What does it require to constitute the Visible Church of Christ?*—Eld. Judson Moore.
5. *Through and by what means will the Church of Christ most effectually become the Light of the World?*—Eld. W. C. Thomas.
6. *What is Everlasting or Eternal Life?*—Eld. A. W. Sandlin.
7. *Systematic Benevolence.*—Eld. A. Robertson.
8. *The necessity of Church Members searching the Scriptures.*—Eld. Wm. Hood.
9. *The Benefits arising from Sabbath Schools.*—Eld. J. Richards.
10. *The Benefits of Church Members attending their Conference Meetings.*—A. J. Doty.

11. *What is the duty of Deacons according to the teachings of the Apostles?* —John Stephens.

12. *What relation exists between Church and Pastor?*—K. A. Armstrong.

The next meeting of the second district to be held with the church at Camp Creek, to commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in July, 1872; Eld. A. B. Smith to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. E. Moore, alternate. Brethren appointed to write essays as follows:

The Power and Influence of Satan.—M. L. Goodlet.

The Divinity of Christ.—T. A. Sullivan.

Restricted Communion.—S. W. Robinson.

Do Repentance and Faith precede Regeneration?—Eld. W. S. Wilson.

What does it require to constitute Good Works, and what relation do they hold to Salvation?—A. L. Stovall.

Justification.—J. S. Clayton.

Is the Atonement Limited or General?—Eld. J. J. Andrews.

Was the Atonement completed on the Cross?—Eld. Joshua Smith.

Is a well regulated Sunday School, in which the distinctive doctrines of the Baptists are taught, essential to the well being of the Churches of Christ and our children? If so, Why?—J. R. West.

What does it require to constitute a true Church of Christ?—Eld. C. C. Malone.

Can a person be saved who lives and dies in the Roman Catholic Communion? —Redding Smith.

What are the consequences of Unbelief?—G. W. McWhorter.

Respectfully submitted. T. A. SULLIVAN, *Chairman.*

PUBLICATIONS. [E.]

We, your Committee on Publications, make the following report: It appears to some that a report on publications is superfluous. This view is, as we conceive, rather hasty, because those reports to the Association are not authoritative or binding upon its members; but is only done to bring to the notice, in a direct way, such publications as we believe the members of our churches, together with their children, would be truly benefitted by reading; and also to persuade our people to become a reading people, and further to induce, as far as possible, our people to patronize Baptist literature, so as to indoctrinate our membership and their children with the peculiar principles which distinguish us as a people. For it is clear to our view that we, as religionists or Christians, differ totally in particulars from every other Christian denomination. Therefore, we earnestly recommend the faithful reading of the Bible; the reading of the *Baptist*, edited and published by Eld. J. R. Graves and M. P. Lowry, editor of the Mississippi department, at Memphis; the Sunday School paper, *Kind Words*; the *Christian Repository*, edited and published by Brother and Sister Ford, St-

Louis, Mo.; Breaker or Teasdale on Restricted Communion; Theodocia Earnest, first and second volumes, written by that good man, Eld. A. C. Dayton; Fleetwood's Life of Christ, the Apostles, Evangelists and Martyrs; Grace Truman, &c. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. ANDREWS, *Chairman.*

FINANCE. [F.]

To Cash received for Minutes,	$65 90
" " " " Home Missions,	58 60
Total	$124 50

Respectfully submitted. G. C. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT. [G.]

R. M. Borum, in account with the Judson Association:

Amount received for Minutes,		$65 90
" " " Home Missions,		58 60
Credit by amount paid to Clerk for Minutes,	$65 90	
Cash on hand,		$58 60

Respectfully submitted. R. M. RORUM, *Treasurer.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS. [H.]

Your Commitee on Foreign Missions would report as follows: The spirit of our religion is one of enlarged benevolence. It is the same spirit which prompted Jesus to undertake his mission of love and mercy to a lost world. It is the same which sent Paul from nation to nation preaching the gospel of salvation. This spirit cannot be bounded by state or national lines. It knows no such boundaries, but embraces all the descendants of Adam in the arms of its love. While it is the duty of Christians to support Home Missions, it is also their duty to consider the condition of the regions beyond, which lie in the shadow of death. Therefore, let us, in performing our duty to those near us, not forget our obligations to those more distant.

Respectfully submitted. W. S. WILSON, *Chairman.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD. [J.]

Cash collected and on hand:

From New Prospect Church,	$17 05
" Mount Gilead,	5 50
" Brother Mullens,	1 00
" Mr. Mabry,	1 00
" R. H. Rogers,	1 00
Total,	$25 55

Dear Brethren, we have had no Missionary in the field this year from the fact that we had no funds on hand. We would recommend to you that the programme of our Missionary operations be somewhat changed, as our plan does not seem to do much good. Respectfully,

W. M. FUQUA, *Chairman.*

COLORED POPULATION. [K.]

Your Committee on the spiritual interest of the colored population report that we believe it to be the duty of all our ministering brethren to give all the aid and instruction they can, when called on, in organizing and constituting Churches and Associations. We also believe it to be the duty of all our brethren to give all the aid they can to that people to instruct them in the knowledge of the truth as it in Jesus. We find also that there is quite a missionary spirit among them. They have already employed Missionary labor in some of their Associations. We also find that there is an influence being brought among them by men calling themselves Northern Methodists, and we think it is our duty to put them on their guard against such influences. Respectfully submitted, JOSHUA SMITH, *Chairman.*

TABLE SHOWING THE ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
A. L. Stovall,	Tupelo.	J. J. Andrews,	Guntown.
Wm. C. Thomas,	Richmond.	G. C. Johnson.	"
Wm. J. Thomas,	"	A. W. Sandlin,	Mooresville.
J. C. Gilantine,	"	J. W. Randolph,	"
C. C. Malone,	Chesterville.	J. M. Herring,	Saltillo.
W. S. Wilson,	"	A. B. Smith,	Cherry Creek.
Joshua Smith,	"	Wm. Hood,	Shannon.
Elijah Moore,	"	A. Robinson,	Cotton Gin Port.

LICENTIATES.

Judson Moore,	Richmond,	W. J. Woodall,	Saltillo.
W. M. Fuqua,	Tupelo.	David Robinson,	Cotton Gin Port.
W. J. Kirkland,	Guntown.		

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

I was required to give a statement of Sabbath Schools, and the subjoined is all that has been reported.—CLERK.

Guntown, 40 pupils; E. L. Hawkins, Superintendent.
Poplar Springs, 70 pupils; David Brown, "
Tupelo, A. L. Stovall, "
Saltillo, 20 pupils; M. M. West, "

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.		Day of Meeting	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Dead	Total in fellowship	Minute Fund.
Center Hill	J. G. Kendal	Verona	J. W. Wilson, J. A. Sanders, G. W. Harris	2		4	1	8	1		71	$3 00
Fellowship	J. M. Herring	Saltillo	D. T. Miller, J. W. Rogers, L. W. Turner	2	13	4		10	1		66	3 00
Hopewell	W. C. Thomas	Richmond	W. C. Thomas, W. J. Thomas, J. W. Randolph, R. M. Borum	2	15	4		9	2	1	142	3 00
Friendship	A. W. Sandlin	Guntown	Alfred Borum, W. M. Bailey and H. Raper	3	1		1	6		2	58	2 00
New Prospect, Union County	Isaac Smith	Ellistown	G. W. McWhorter, Jas. Young	4	13	4	1	5	14	1	102	2 00
Town Creek	Wm. Hood	Shannon	A. M. Hansell, J. D. Coggen, W. Mullen	2		4		6			47	2 00
Pleasant Hill	J. J. Andrews	Tupelo	A. J. Doty, A. L. Eaves, John Hobbs	1		9		2		1	78	2 55
Unity	J. M. Herring	Saltillo	J. M. Herring, W. J. Kirkland, W. J. Woodall	1	8	15		5			71	2 50
Guntown	J. J. Andrews	Guntown	J. R. Bristo, J. M. Henderson	4				9	9	2	31	2 10
Mantachie Creek	J. J. Andrews	Fulton	J. M. Cook, David Ratliff	3				6	1	1	92	2 50
Camp Creek	H. S. Archer	Guntown	A. J. Conoway, T. A. Sullivan, J. Epting	3	20	7		12	7	7	143	3 00
Poplar Spring	A. B. Smith	Cherry Creek	A. B. Smith, J. Owen, J. W. Dillard	4	22	7	4	17	2		146	2 25
New Prospect	F. Finney	Aberdeen	A. J. Studard	2	1			6	1	3	88	2 95
Pilgrim's Rest	A. L. Stovall	Tupelo	J. W. Smith, Wm. Fuqua		6	5	1	7	1	1	109	4 25
Oak Hill	J. T. Pitts	Pontotoc	G. H. G. Pound, G. W. Payne	3		3		9	8	1	95	3 75
Uclatubba	J. J. Andrews	Saltillo	J. J. Andrews, G. C. Johnson	2	4	9		7	1	2	38	1 50
Pleasant Valley	A. L. Stovall	Chesterville	C. C. Malone, W. S. Wilson, Joshua Smith	1		2		8		3	53	3 00
Tupelo	A. L. Stovall	Tupelo	A. L. Stovall, G. C. Thomason	2	23	6		16		1	100	4 00
Zion	W. L. Slack	Pontotoc	J. E. Little, J. P. King		4	2	1	5	4	1	57	3 20
Bang Falop	A. W. Sandlin	Moorsville	A. W. Sandlin, G. M. Phillips, A. Gregory	2	12	3		14	3	1	70	4 00
Bethlehem	J. C. Gillington		J. M. Melton, W. C. Holmes, J. M. Booth	1						1	30	60
Mt. Hope	A. Robertson	Aberdeen	J. D. M. Johnson	1		3					17	1 25
Mt. Gilead	A. B. Smith	Wallerville	W. J. Davis, J. T. Reid, Jno. Roberts	2	7	4		5	2	1	127	1 50
Saltillo	L. R. Burress	Saltillo	J. R. West, M. M. West, S. T. Fife	1							30	1 00
Mt. Pleasant	A. Robertson	Cotton Gin	A. Robertson, D. Robertson	2	9	1					16	50
Friendship	J. W. Randolph		Conner Moore, Wm. McDuffie			1					11	50
Liberty	J. Richards	Bigby Fork	D. Ridings, O. G. Loveless, D. Brown	1							20	
Shilo	J. M. Herring	Marietta	C. F. Dalton, W. Boren			3					24	1 00
Richmond	W. C. Thomas	Richmond	Job Springer, J. A. Bryant, J. Moore	1	9	5		1		1	73	3 00

CONSTITUTION.

We, the united Baptist churches in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw, and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of an Association, according to the following plan:

ART. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of white male and female members, number of colored members, time of meeting, number baptized, received by baptism, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded or dead since the last Association; the name of the Pastor and Post-office.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen, and convened, shall be known by the JUDSON ASSOCIATION, who shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, or infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in Union; but shall be an advisory council, for the common benefit of all the churches, and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, which may depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel either in FAITH or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our Abstract.)

ART. 4. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every hundred members above one hundred. Should any church neglect to represent herself, she shall state the reason in her letter to the next Association.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted into this body, who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith, and in good order, the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

ART. 6. The Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum of their own adoption.

ART. 7. This Association shall annually elect a Moderator from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions properly brought before it; also a Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

ART. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it, shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

ART. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, which shall be raised by the voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him as Treasurer.

ART. 10. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismission of churches, which shall be unanimous.

ART. 11. This Association will correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in sesion.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a minister to preach an Introductory sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session, also the time and place for the next Association.

ART. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union, only when established by a sister church.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two thirds of the churches composing the body.

ART. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and practice.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; that there are three persons in this one God—the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and that this triune God is the only object of all religious worship and adoration; and that all worship paid to anything else, in the name of God is Idolatry and abomination in His sight.

3rd. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned, and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness, and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence, that all his posterity, by ordinary generation, are involved in all the consequences of his fall.

4th We believe that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition; and that unless God himself had provided a way of Salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever; because that all have sinned.

5th. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation, and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of his Son, that this way of Salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6th. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself, to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption, is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7th. We believe that Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man, that he first became our surety, and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that he makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own and all-atoning sacrifice, and perfect righteousness before God.

8th. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemed condition; and in making the Gospel plan of mercy plain and acceptable to him.

9th. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all, and upon all them that believe.

10th. We believe that all who are called to be Saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.

11th. We believe that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change of heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12th. We believe that the Government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men distinct from the body; but that it is left to the whole Church.

13th. We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God; and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation or labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14th. We believe as God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the Church and the advancement of his Kingdom, that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in his providence may give them ability.

15th. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive Institutions or Ordinances to be observed in his Church, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper; THAT BAPTISM IS IMMERSION in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that Baptism precedes the Lord's Supper; AND NONE but regularly baptized ministers have any right to administer them.

16th. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life, and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.

17th. Finally, we believe that the Gospel, with all its obligations, privileges and blessings, has been committed to the Church; and it is specially enjoined to make it known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Saviour pledges His presence to the end of the world.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the Judge of Order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or make personal reflections.

ART. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 11. Any member violating the Rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these Rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

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